

CLAIMS

- 5 1. A hard surface treatment composition which comprising:
an alcohol constituent selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, n-
propanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, benzyl alcohol, and mixtures thereof which is present in an
amount of from about 40 and 70 weight percent;
an effective amount of a pH adjusting agent such that the pH range of the
10 composition is from about 7.0 to about 13.0;
optionally, one or more constituents selected from the group consisting of
antimicrobials, corrosion inhibitors, perfumes, perfume carriers, deodorants, organic solvents,
surfactants, propellants, pH buffers, organic acids, fungicides, film-forming polymers, and
anti-oxidants;
15 and water, to 100 weight percent
characterized in that the hard surface treatment composition exhibits antimicrobial efficacy
against one or more of: *Salmonella choleraesuis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*,
Pseudomonas aeruginosa, *Enterococcus hirae*, *Aspergillus niger*, *T. mentagrophytes*,
Hepatitis A, Poliovirus Type 1, Coxsachievirus, Rotavirus, or Rhinovirus.
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2. A hard surface treatment compositions according to claim 1 which necessarily
comprises a propellant.
3. A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 1 which necessarily
25 comprises an antimicrobial constituent.
4. A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 2 which necessarily
comprises an antimicrobial constituent.
- 30 5. A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 3 wherein the antimicrobial
constituent is quaternary ammonium compound having antimicrobial properties or salt form
thereof.
6. A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 5 wherein the antimicrobial
35 constituent is a non-chloride ion containing quaternary ammonium antimicrobial having
antimicrobial properties.

6. A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 4 wherein the antimicrobial constituent is quaternary ammonium compound having antimicrobial properties or salt form thereof.

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7. A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 6 wherein the antimicrobial constituent is a non-chloride ion containing quaternary ammonium antimicrobial having antimicrobial properties.

10 8. A process for providing a disinfecting treatment of hard surfaces wherein the presence of one or more undesired microorganisms selected from , is suspected, which process contemplates the step of applying an antimicrobially effective amount of a hard surface treatment composition according to claim 1 to the hard surfaces where the presence of undesired microorganisms selected from one or more of: *Salmonella choleraesuis*,
15 *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterococcus hirae* , *Aspergillus niger*, *T. mentagrophytes*, Hepatitis A , Poliovirus Type 1, Coxsachievirus , Rotavirus, or Rhinovirus is suspected.

20 9. A process for providing a disinfecting treatment of hard surfaces wherein the presence of one or more undesired microorganisms selected from , is suspected, which process contemplates the step of applying an antimicrobially effective amount of a hard surface treatment composition according to claim 2 to the hard surfaces where the presence of undesired microorganisms selected from one or more of: *Salmonella choleraesuis*,
Staphylococcus aureus, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterococcus hirae* ,
25 *Aspergillus niger*, *T. mentagrophytes*, Hepatitis A , Poliovirus Type 1, Coxsachievirus , Rotavirus, or Rhinovirus is suspected.

10. A method for treating ambient air which method includes the step of dispensing an effective amount of a hard surface composition according to claim 1 in an amount effective to
30 exhibit antimicrobial efficacy against gram positive type pathogenic bacteria and/or gram negative type bacteria.

11. A method for treating ambient air which method includes the step of dispensing an effective amount of a hard surface composition according to claim 2 in an amount effective to
35 exhibit antimicrobial efficacy against gram positive type pathogenic bacteria and/or gram negative type bacteria.

12. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the amount of alcohol is from about 50 to about 70 weight percent.
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13. The composition according to claim 12 wherein the amount of alcohol is from about 50 to about 60 weight percent.
14. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH of the composition is from about 9 to about 12.
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15. The composition according to claim 1 the alcohol is selected from ethanol, isopropanol, and mixtures thereof.
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16. The composition according to claim 15 wherein the alcohol is ethanol.
17. The composition according to claim 2 wherein the amount of alcohol is from about 50 to about 70 weight percent.
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18. The composition according to claim 17 wherein the amount of alcohol is from about 50 to about 60 weight percent.
19. The composition according to claim 2 wherein the pH of the composition is from about 9 to about 12.
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20. The composition according to claim 2 the alcohol is selected from ethanol, isopropanol, and mixtures thereof.
21. The composition according to claim 20 wherein the alcohol is ethanol.